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The Medical Officer of Health

for

ALDERLEY EDGE

CHEADLE AND GATLEY

and WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICTS

and

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

The Chief Sanitary Inspectors

For the Year 1952

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CHEADLE.

27th August, 1953.

To the Chairmen and Members of the Alderley Edge, Cheadle and Gatley, and Wilmslow Urban District Councils.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my report of the work done in the three sanitary districts for the year ending December 31st, 1952.

The Report is a joint one for the three authorities, and I would again stress that comparison should not be too easily made as the figures on the whole are small, and therefore there is a large variation which can be explained purely by chance ; this particularly applies to the figures for the Alderley Edge Urban District. Taking these factors into consideration the vital statistics are very similar to those of the country as a whole.

I continue to find the value of being Medical Officer for all the services in the district, both environmental and domiciliary.

My thanks are due to the Sanitary Inspectors for their Reports which are given after my Report. I would also thank the Clerks and Surveyors of the Councils for their co-operation and finally the members of the various Health Committees for the consideration and support they have given during 1952.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID G. ANDERSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
THE REPORTS OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTORS
FOR THE THREE URBAN DISTRICTS OF
ALDERLEY EDGE, CHEADLE & GATLEY AND WILMSLOW

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health :

D. G. ANDERSON, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Alderley Edge.

Sanitary Inspector :

J. B. BROWN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

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Senior Sanitary Inspector :

T. HAYES, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

K. MORGAN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Wilmslow.

Senior Sanitary Inspector :

G. H. LANCASTER, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

T. B. TREMETHICK, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

All the Sanitary Inspectors hold the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for the inspection of meat and other foods.

Clerical :

Joint with Divisional Health Committee.

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GREEN HALL, WILMSLOW.

(Tel. Wilmslow 2275)

Social Conditions : Whilst all three districts are in the main of a residential character, there is a small amount of industrial development in the north east corner of Cheadle, while a considerable area of Wilmslow is rural in character and particularly around Sygal which is unlikely to alter. Alderley Edge is entirely residential.

Alderley Edge Cheadle and Gayley Wilmslow

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357
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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR
(after correction for inward and outward transfers as furnished by the Registrar-General).
Alderley Edge Cheadle and Gatley

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DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIAL CAUSES.

	<i>Alderley Edge</i>	<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>	<i>Wilmslow</i>
Cancer (all ages)	9	51	29
Measles (all ages)	—	—	—
Whooping cough (all ages)	—	—	—
Influenza (all ages)	—	1	2
Pneumonia (all ages)... ..	1	8	6
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary (all ages)	2	3	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	2	3
Other Accidents	—	7	3

There have not been any cases of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area. There is no evidence of any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health.

COMPARISON WITH ENGLAND AND WALES.

	<i>Birth Rate</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>Maternal Mortality</i>	<i>Infant Mortality</i>
Alderley Edge Urban District...	15.2	12.8	0.00	52.6
Cheadle & Gatley Urban Dist.	12.9	9.9	0.00	26.4
Wilmslow Urban District ...	12.1	11.0	0.00	33.7
England and Wales	15.3	11.3	0.72	27.6

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) **Staff.**

A list of staff is given at the beginning of the Report.

Duties :—

The Medical Officer of Health is restricted from private practice, and is Medical Officer of Health for the three districts, which also form the area covered by the Cheadle and Wilmslow Divisional Health Committee and by the Executive Committee for Education of the Cheshire County Council; the Medical Officer of Health being Divisional Medical Officer to both these Committees.

Sanitary Inspectors. All the Sanitary Inspectors are full-time in the employment of the respective Councils.

In Alderley Edge the Sanitary Inspector is also Rodent Officer, and is responsible for the removal and disposal of house refuse including salvage.

In Cheadle and Gatley the Senior Sanitary Inspector is also Rodent Officer, Hackney Carriage Inspector and Inspector under the Petroleum Acts. The Cleansing Department is separate under a Cleansing Officer.

In Wilmslow, the Senior Sanitary Inspector is also Rodent Officer, is responsible for the removal and disposal of house refuse, and Inspector under the Petroleum Acts.

(b) Laboratory Facilities.

The Regional Public Health Laboratory at Monsall carries out the greater part of the work for this area. A collection service is available at Sharston Fire Station from Monday to Friday. A very small amount of work is still dealt with by the Pathological Department of the Stockport and Buxton Hospital Management Committee.

The examinations done at the Public Health Laboratories are for the ascertainment and control of infectious diseases and the examination of foods bacteriologically.

(c) Hospitals.

The hospitals are all now under the Manchester Regional Board, but it has made little difference to the hospitals utilised.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) Water Supply.

There has been no alteration in the water supply in the area, the main extensions being to new houses. The number of premises not connected to a main supply is Alderley Edge, one ; Cheadle and Gatley, none, and Wilmslow, twenty-eight.

I am again indebted to Mr. Dearden, the Water Engineer at Stockport, for information regarding the water supply, and for a report of the bacteriological and chemical examination which shows the water to continue to be in a satisfactory condition. There is one part of the area, Styal, in which the pressure of water is poor.

Bacteriological Examination.

	<i>Goyt Valley</i>	<i>Kinder</i>	<i>Lyme Park</i>
	No. of	No. of	No. of
Aerobic micro-organisms growing in yeastral agar	colonies per c.c. of water	colonies per c.c. of water	colonies per c.c. of water
in 3 days at 22°C.	1	4	8
in 2 days at 37°C.	1	1	0
Bacteria associated with sewage or faecal pollution	Not found in 100 c.c.	Not found in 100 c.c.	Not found in 100 c.c.
Bacterium coli			
Probable number of coli-aerogenes bacteria per 100 c.c. of water	nil	nil	nil
Report	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

Chemical Examination

Reaction—pH value	7.50	7.16	7.44
Colour in 2 ft. glass tube—mm.			
Hazen solution	6	2	3
Turbidity—Silica Standard—p.p.m.	0.2	0.2	less than 0.1
	Parts per million	Parts per million	Parts per million
Total solids dried at 110°C.	—	—	—
Suspended Solids dried at 110°C.	—	—	—
Free Acidity as CO ₂	2.8	3.8	4.6
Free Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	—	—	—
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	12.5	8.5	15.3
Hardness by			
Carbonate hardness	13	9	15
Non-carbonate hardness	31	27	42
Total	44	36	57
Combined Chlorine (Cl ₂)	12.5	13.5	16.5
Nitrates-Nitric Nitrogen as N ₂	0.16	0.32	0.16
Nitrites-Nitrous Nitrogen as N ₂	0.001	0.001	0.001
Free and Saline Ammonia as N ₂	0.044	0.061	0.058
Albuminoid Ammonia as N ₂	0.041	0.055	0.081
Oxygen absorbed test, 4 hours at 27°C.	0.74	0.44	0.68
Iron in solution as Fe	—	—	—
Total Iron as Fe	—	—	—
Manganese as Mn	—	—	less than 0.03
Silica (SiO ₂)	7.3	8.2	5.9
Alumina A 1.0,	0.40	0.64	0.10
Alumina as Sulphate of Alumina	2.8	4.5	0.7
Lead as Pb taken up in second 24 hours	0.54	0.47	0.70
Reports :	Satisfactory—	Satisfactory—	Satisfactory—
	Fluoride	Fluoride	Fluoride
	content being 0.20 p.p.m.	content being 0.15 p.p.m.	content being 0.25 p.p.m.

(b) **Drainage and Sewerage.**

My remarks last year still obtain. Wilmslow's Southern drainage has now been commenced, and there have been various improvements in the Cheadle area, though no major works.

(c) **Public Cleansing.**

In all three districts a weekly collection is now maintained except in special circumstances, such as public holidays.

(d) **Sanitary Inspection of the Area.**

The reports of the respective officers are appended hereto.

(e) **Disinfestation.**

There have been no cases of bed bug infestation in any of the three districts.

SECTION D. HOUSING.

Existing Houses.

Work on existing houses continues to be very much restricted, and the 1949 Housing Act has scarcely been used.

New Houses (Since 1945).

Council		<i>Alderley Edge</i>	<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>	<i>Wilmslow</i>
Houses completed : Permanent	...	199	578	334
Temporary	...	—	44	40
Houses under construction : Permanent	...	—	96	74
Temporary	...	—	—	—
Houses authorised but not yet commenced	—	—	24 flats
Total	...	199	718	472
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Private Enterprise				
Houses completed	26	250	139
Houses under construction	9	49	15
Houses for which licences had been issued but not yet commenced	... ..	4	42	17
Total	...	39	341	171

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

As previously reported the Councils are now concerned solely with the distribution of milk other than direct from farms. The visits still appear to be very infrequent as compared with the visits that were made by the Sanitary Inspectors in the districts to farms before the powers of inspection were taken from the district Councils in October, 1949.

I would repeat that while the cleanliness of the milk is fairly satisfactory, the fact that the bacillus of tuberculosis has been found in samples of raw milk, and especially in a designated milk, is still disquieting. This area is one which will soon be designated for the sale only of milk from tuberculin tested or accredited herds or heat treated.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

There is no change in the methods of dealing with meat.

(c) Adulteration, etc.

	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Reported Against</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Reported Against</i>
	1951		1952	
Alderley Edge				
Milks	6	Nil	6	Nil
Other Foods ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cheadle and Gatley				
Milks	48	Nil	41	Nil
Other Foods ...	7	1	17	Nil
Wilmslow				
Milks	24	Nil	23	2
Other Foods	12	1	15	Nil

All samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for analysis and in the case of Cheadle and Gatley and Alderley Edge districts all were found to be genuine.

In the Wilmslow district two of the milks were found to be slightly below standard, i.e. 6.6% deficient in fat and 3.5% naturally deficient in non-fatty solids respectively.

The fact that no action of any description was necessary in connection with the samples is a highly satisfactory result.

This is the responsibility of the Weights and Measures Department of the Cheshire County Council, and I am indebted to Mr. Stacey Hallard, M.I.W.M.A., Chief Inspector, for the above information.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(a) The following cases were notified during the year :—

	<i>Alderley Edge</i>		<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>		<i>Wilmslow</i>	
	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>
Scarlet fever ...	2	2	50	47	13	13
Whooping Cough... ..	3	3	72	72	17	17
Measles	53	53	323	323	150	150
Pneumonia ...	—	—	9	9	24	24
Acute Poliomye- litis (Paralytic)	—	—	2	2	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	1	1	1	1
Dysentery ...	—	—	6	3	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	17	14	—	—
Paratyphoid	—	—	—	—	1	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	1	—
	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>205</u>

NOTE. The Wilmslow figures include non-civilian cases.

Measles was highly prevalent but not of a severe type. The food poisoning in Cheadle was due to dehydrated bilberries being soaked in a galvanised container overnight at a school canteen. The other figures call for no comment.

(b) Tuberculosis.

During the year 1952 there were notified for the first time the following cases of tuberculosis :—

	<i>Pulmonary</i>			<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alderley Edge	1	—	1	—	—	—
Cheadle & Gatley	4	5	9	—	1	1
Wilmslow	5	3	8	3	1	4

There were no deaths from tuberculosis which had not been notified.

SECTION G.

Factories Act, 1938.

The following are those portions of the return made under Section 128 (3) for which there were figures recorded :—

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors) :—

<i>Premises</i>		<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Ins- pections</i>	<i>No. of written notices</i>	<i>Owners Prose- cuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.					
	A.E.	10	14	1	—
	C. & G.	94	116	3	—
	W.	47	10	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.					
	A.E.	27	55	8	—
	C. & G.	66	85	7	—
	W.	70	29	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).					
	A.E.	—	—	—	—
	C. & G.	46	96	15	—
	W.	21	28	2	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found :—

<i>Particulars.</i>		<i>Found Remedied</i>		<i>Referred by H.M. Ins- pector</i>
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ...	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	4	4	—
	W.	1	1	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	3	3	—
	W.	1	1	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	A.E.	8	7	1
	C. & G.	18	18	—
	W.	3	3	2
(c) Not separate for sexes	A.E.	1	1	1
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	1	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)				
	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	1	—	—

SECTION G—cont.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Alderley Edge - 4
Cheadle and Gatley - Nil.
Wilmslow - Nil.

SECTION H.

**ACTION UNDER SECTION 47, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE
ACT, 1948.**

Action was found necessary in one case—a patient in Wilmslow. The old lady insisted on coming out of a nursing home although she was not capable of looking after herself because of her age. The Council decided to take action under the Section, but when the Notice was actually served she herself went voluntarily to a boarding house where she was looked after.

SECTION I.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

This is not part of the Local Health Service, but as the original sessions were in connection with the Health Department, Mr. Barber, the Regional Organiser, has kindly let me have the following figures. This service is still badly in need of donors. Blood transfusion is proving of value in more and more types of disease and injury.

<i>Place</i>	<i>Donors Attended</i>	<i>1951 For comparison</i>
Alderley Edge ...	39	77
Cheadle & Gatley	467	641
Wilmslow ...	137	161
Totals	<u>643</u>	<u>879</u>

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1952.

				<i>Alderley Edge</i>		<i>Cheadle and Gatley</i>		<i>Wilmslow</i>	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	2	—	3	—	1	2
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	—	—	—	—	1	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	—	—	1	1	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	—	1	4	4	2	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	—	—	5	2	5	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	—	1	—	8	—	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	—	1	—	5	—	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	...	...	4	1	10	13	5	10
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1
16.	Diabetes	...	...	—	—	1	2	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system...	...	...	3	5	22	31	14	36
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	5	7	23	11	24	10
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	1	—	1	1	—	—
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	8	7	22	24	11	19
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	1	1	9	20	5	6
22.	Influenza	...	...	—	—	1	—	2	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	1	—	6	2	5	1
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	1	2	12	10	5	—
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	1	—	2	—	1	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	—	—	2	—	1	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	2	—	1	2	1	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	—	—	1	1	2	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	1	—	1	—	4	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	—	—	—	3	—	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	3	4	6	16	7	10
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	—	—	2	—	2	1
34.	All other accidents	...	...	—	—	4	3	1	2
35.	Suicide	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
ALL CAUSES				33	30	140	159	99	109

NOTE.—The reference number given refers to the Registrar-General's Short List based on the sixth (1948) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.

ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Alderley Edge Urban District Council.*

March, 1953.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Bickmore and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my annual report on the work of the Sanitary Section of the Health Department for the year 1952.

The main branches of the work have been placed under separate headings with statistical tables and comments made where necessary.

There are no items of a special nature to which your attention should be drawn.

I wish to express my appreciation of your support and consideration, also, I thank all the officials of the Council for their help and co-operation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Bickmore and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES B. BROWN,

Sanitary Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Total No. of Inspections and Revisits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Accumulation of Refuse	44	11	9	1	1
Ashbins	97	13	12	—	1
Bakehouses	13	—	—	—	—
Brook Courses	12	1	1	—	—
Butchers	68	1	1	—	—
Cooked Meats Premises	24	—	—	—	—
Disinfections	3	—	—	—	—
Disinfestations	2	—	—	—	—
Drainage... ..	89	6	6	—	—
Dwellings :					
P.H. Acts	187	21	21	—	1
Housing Acts	64	2	2	—	—
Factories... ..	72	11	10	—	—
Fish Frying	6	—	—	—	—
Fish and Greengrocery	26	2	2	—	—
Food Poisoning and Dysentery	16	—	—	—	—
Food Byelaws	54	—	—	—	—
Ice Cream Premises	23	—	—	—	—
Infectious Diseases	10	—	—	—	—
Keeping of Animals and Poultry	10	1	1	—	—
Milk Distributors	14	—	—	—	—
Milk Shops	1	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	7	—	—	—	—
Other Food Premises	11	—	—	—	—
Outworkers	9	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	2	—	—	—	—
Provisions	51	2	1	—	—
Public Cleansing					
(a) Refuse Disposal	123	—	—	—	—
(b) Refuse Collection	67	—	—	—	—
(c) Salvage	135	—	—	—	—
Rag Flock Premises	1	—	—	—	—
Restaurant and Other Kitchens	43	2	2	—	—
Rodent Control... ..	196	1	1	—	—
Sanitary Accommodation	23	—	—	—	—
Schools	6	—	—	—	—
Shops Act	28	—	—	—	—
Verminous Premises	7	—	—	—	—
Water Supplies	16	—	—	—	—
Workplaces	4	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	1454	74	69	1	3

HOUSING.

No action has been taken under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936, which refers to clearance areas and there has been no statement of policy from the Minister of Housing and Local Government on this problem of dealing with sub-standard houses. With the encouragement given to private building and the gradual relaxation of the licensing restrictions, it seems reasonable to hope that the question of dealing with houses, irreparable at reasonable cost, can be resolved in the near future. One of the difficulties which will hinder future housing development is the shortage of building land in this small urban area, and it is to be hoped that any County Review Orders will recognise the need for extension of boundaries. Where complaints have been received, essential repairs have been executed. During the year one house was rendered fit after an undertaking, given by the owner, had been accepted. This house was occupied at the end of the year.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES.

(1) There are in the Urban Area, the following premises where food is prepared, stored and sold :

Bakehouses	...	...	...	7
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	6
Cooked Meat Manufacturers	...			8
Fried Fish and Chip Shops	...			3
Greengrocers	...	...	...	5
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	5
Ice Cream Makers	...	...		1
Ice Cream Dealers	...	...		11
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...		4
School Kitchens	...	...	...	4
Provision Shops	...	...	...	15
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	3

These food premises have been inspected at regular intervals and have been kept in a reasonably clean condition. During routine visits the Council's Food Bye-laws were enforced, where necessary, but the proprietors of food shops were found to be co-operative and no legal proceedings were taken.

In the earlier part of the year "Dog" notices were distributed to all retailers of food and were worded as follows :—

"In the interests of public health, please do *not* bring your dog into this shop, as food is sold here."

In practically all cases, this notice was exhibited conspicuously in the shop and the public response to the request has been excellent. It is now very rare to see a dog roaming at large around a shop and what few seen are restricted by a leash.

Extensive alterations were completed during the year to an old bakehouse which was extended and rebuilt to modern requirements. Alterations were also carried out to an hotel kitchen which has now improved storage and preparation facilities.

(2) Food Surrendered.

<i>Type of Food</i>	<i>Reasons for Condemnation</i>	<i>Weight lbs.</i>
Tinned Goods	Blown or Damaged	76
Butter ...	Mould	2
Bovine Head ...	Tuberculosis	30
Portion Pigs Head	Abscess	8
Pork Sausages ...	Decomposition	40
TOTAL		<u>156</u>

(3) Animals Inspected at time of Slaughter.

NIL

(4) Slaughtermans' Licences Issued.

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Renewals ... 2

(5) Bacteriological Examination of Ice Cream.

<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>Grade 3</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>
17	12	1	2	2

There is only one manufacturer of ice cream in the district, all other dealers obtain supplies from manufacturers outside the area. Whilst it is realised that judgment of cleanliness cannot rest on the laboratory reports on single samples the above reports are fairly satisfactory for one of the Grade III samples and the two Grade IV samples were manufactured outside the district and had not been contaminated by the dealer as the samples were wrapped and taken, as delivered or in the course of delivery. The attention of the Health Department of the Authority concerned was drawn to these unsatisfactory samples and the matter was investigated. However before the investigation was completed the retailer changed to another manufacturer.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

The five dairy farms situated in the Urban Area are under the supervision of the Milk Production Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Biological samples have, however, been taken for tuberculosis, all of which proved to be negative.

Dairies	...	...	...	Nil
Retail Distributors	...	...	...	10
Wholesale Distributors	...	...	...	2
Milk Shops	...	...	...	1

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations :

Number of Supplementary licences issued :

Accredited	...	...	...	1
Pasteurised	...	...	...	2
Sterilised	...	...	...	2
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	3
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	...	...	...	1

Number of Dealers' licences issued :

Sterilised	...	...	...	1
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	1

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

Class of Milk	No. of Samples	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Raw Ungraded ...	4	3	1	—	—	—	—
Raw Designated ...	11	9	2	—	—	—	—
Heat Treated ...	8	6	—	6	—	2	—
Totals ...	23	18	3	6	—	2	—

The unsatisfactory sample of raw ungraded milk and the two unsatisfactory samples of raw designated milk were referred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for it was found that the producers of the milk were at fault.

BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Class of Milk			No. of Samples	Negative	Positive	Void
Raw Ungraded	...	...	5	5	—	—
Raw Designated	...	...	11	7	1	3
Totals	...	...	16	12	1	3

The positive sample consisted of a pint bottle of Tuberculin Tested Farm Bottled Guernsey Milk, produced outside the Urban Area. The Veterinary Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Medical Officer of Health, in whose district the farm was situated, were immediately notified. At the time of writing the veterinary examinations were incomplete.

This tuberculous sample from an attested herd is a matter of grave concern and indicated the necessity of frequent biological examination of all raw milk.

RAG FLOCK.

There is one registered factory in the area to which the Act applies and this factory has been inspected.

RODENT CONTROL.

One trained part-time operative is employed and the methods used are those approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The infestations were all of a minor character.

The Council receive a 50% grant of approved expenditure from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The following table gives details of the work done by the department during the year.

<i>Type of Property</i>	<i>No. of Properties infested by Rats</i>	<i>No. of Properties seriously infested by Mice</i>	<i>No. of Treatments Undertaken</i>
Local Authority including tips ...	4	—	4
Dwellings	6	1	7
Business Premises ...	18	2	18
Totals ...	28	3	29

SHOPS INSPECTION.

As Sanitary Authority, this Council is responsible only for enforcing provisions of S.38 of the Shops Act, 1950, which relate to Heating, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences. The Local Authority (i.e. the County Council), is responsible for the enforcement of the remainder of the Act. During the year, the shops have been inspected where necessary.

No. of Combined Dwellings and Shops	...	...	46
No. of Lock-up Shops	...	...	45
			—
Total	...	...	91
			—
No. of Shops where assistants are employed	...	...	35

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Refuse Collection.

Collections are made by a Dennis 3-4 tonner of 10 cubic yards capacity, purchased in August, 1951.

This new vehicle has been quite satisfactory and is eminently suitable for this district.

A weekly service has been maintained throughout the year except for a very few minor delays due to statutory holidays. The team consists of a driver/loader and two ash-bin men. A spare driver/binman is available when necessary. Collections are normally completed on Friday evenings, thus allowing the half-day Saturday for cleaning and maintenance of the vehicle and work in the Depot.

The service has functioned creditably and no complaints were received. This fact reflects the efficiency of the refuse collectors who work well together.

Refuse Disposal.

Tipping continues at Lower House Farm, Mottram St. Andrews. Two sites are in use, one of which is only used in emergency due to bad weather and is approached by a good sleeper road.

The other site has been used throughout the year. It is not practicable to weigh all the refuse removed but the following estimates have been made on average summer and winter weights ; approximately 1,120 tons were disposed of during the year as compared with 1,180 tons during 1951.

SALVAGE.

Mention was made in my 1951 report that the high prices then prevailing were unlikely to be maintained. Since March, 1952, the demand for waste paper has been considerably reduced and prices have fallen to £6 10s. 0d. per ton as compared with £16 per ton at the beginning of the year. Despite this reduced price some difficulty has been experienced in selling this waste product and in mid-year stocks were high. However, our merchant has been most helpful and co-operative and collections have been made as usual. No increased supplies are desirable, however, as there is the risk of the baled paper not being sold. The following table shows a steady increase in weight of paper sold since 1947, except for the present year when supplies were deliberately curtailed.

Baled Waste Paper

Year	Weight				Value			Government Bonus received			Incentive Bonus paid to Binmen		
	T.	C.	Q.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1947	...	35	0	0	221	6	6	13	10	0	—		
1948	...	38	18	3	248	18	6	7	14	5	28	3	0
1949	...	41	1	3	211	0	11	25	10	6	30	17	0
1950	...	46	6	3	248	10	6	—			40	3	0
1951	...	52	2	1	731	11	10	—			46	19	0
1952	...	43	15	2	408	3	8	—			40	9	0

Other Salvage

Type of Material	T.	Weight			Value		
		C.	Q.	£	s.	d.	
Scrap Metal	...	3	4	1	12	10	0

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the area are supplied from the mains of the Stockport Corporation with the exception of an isolated small-holding on the perimeter of the district. Both chemical and bacteriological samples taken from this property were unsatisfactory. As a piped mains supply to this house is impracticable for the time being, the occupier was advised to boil all the water used and, as an alternative to this procedure, full details were given as regards effective chlorination. Routine bacteriological samples from the mains were found to be quite satisfactory. Only one complaint was received during the year when it was found that an excessive amount of suspended matter (carbon oxide) was causing serious discolouration. This matter was taken up with the water undertaking and remedied.

There are no stand pipes in the area.

CHEADLE & GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
19 High Street,
Cheadle.
August, 1953.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheadle & Gatley Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1952.

I have the honour to present my annual report on the work of the Sanitary Inspector's Department for the year 1952.

During the year the Second Sanitary Inspector, Mr. E. G. Williams, left your service, and it was some four months before his position was filled. This has obviously had its effect on the lessening in the number of some inspections, and the sampling of milks and ice cream during the year under review.

Generally speaking, defects which were found in properties, for which repairs were necessary, have been remedied more speedily by the owners or agents, due—no doubt—to the easing in the materials supply position. There still remain, however, the houses which are of a very low standard for which it is difficult, or impossible, to suggest repairs which could be done at a reasonable cost.

The first table in the report sets out the type of general inspections which have been carried out during the year.

There are no other items which call for any particular comment.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. HAYES,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

<i>Nature of Inspections</i>	<i>No. of visits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Houses Inspected under Public Health Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	138	135	134	1	1
Houses inspected otherwise	190	23	23	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	370	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under the Housing Act	—	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected after complaint	75	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	256	—	—	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	230	—	—	—	—
General					
Infectious Disease	89	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	33	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	45	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries	99	—	—	—	—
Smoke Observations	3	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences	27	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces... ..	297	25	25	—	—
Shops Act	75	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts	45	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	65	—	—	—	—
Places of Public Entertainment, Public Houses, etc.	39	3	1	—	—
Verminous Premises	34	—	—	—	—
Meat and Food Inspection					
Slaughterhouses	13	—	—	—	—
Butcher's Shops and Stalls	50	—	—	—	—
Wet Fish Shops	25	2	2	—	—
Fried Fish Shops	18	—	—	—	—
Other Food Shops	127	—	—	—	—
Bakehouses	35	—	—	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens	38	—	—	—	—
Ice Cream Premises	35	—	—	—	—
Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	57	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	2508	188	185	1	1

A classification of the nature of the complaints received under the Public Health Act during the year is given below :—

Drainage .....	...	...	...	...	...	52
Defective Roofs, Eaves, Gutters, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ Paths to Houses	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Plastering in Houses	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Door and Window Frames	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ W.C's.	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Back-boilers	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Fireplaces	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Tanks	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Sinks	...	...	...	...	...	1
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dampness in Houses	...	...	...	...	...	12
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dry Rot in Floors	...	...	...	...	...	5
Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	10
Obstructing of Ditches	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pollution of Watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	8
Smoke Nuisances	1
Verminous Premises	2
Offensive Smells	3
Water Under Floors	1

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There have been no serious cases of overcrowding under the terms of the Housing Act to be dealt with during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year considerable work has been carried out by the Council's Rodent Operative. A free service is available to the occupiers of all dwelling houses, and the occupiers of business premises are always anxious to co-operate in giving the Operative free access to examine and treat the premises—if found necessary. All business premises pay for these treatments, and large works are dealt with under annual agreements.

The sewerage system in the district was again found to be free from infestation, upon carrying out a 10% test baiting, as required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. It is interesting to note that since this work of testing sewers for the presence of rats was instituted there has never been any evidence of infestation.

There were no serious cases of major infestation of rats or mice in any part of the district.

The following is the statistical record as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, for the year 1952 :—

	<i>Type of Property</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses</i>	<i>Agri-cultural</i>	<i>All other premises (including Business and Industrial)</i>	
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1952 as a result of (a)...	(a) 2	159	3	19	183
notification or (b) by the Rodent Operative.	(b) 14	176	16	131	337
Number of properties found to be infested by rats ...	Nil	Major : Nil Minor : 6	Nil 3	Nil 20	Nil 197
Number of properties found to be seriously infested by mice...	1	59	6	28	94
Number of properties treated by the Local Authority ...	7	227	9	48	291

Disinfestation.

Several properties have been treated with various commercial solutions for the elimination of minor infestations of fleas or cockroaches. These treatments were found to be effective without having to resort to treatments by a cyanide process.

Also during the year, on instructions from the County Educational Authorities, the kitchens used for the preparation of meals at various schools in the district were sprayed for fly prevention purposes. The treatment carried out did prove to be very successful, as, upon making further inspections during the periods when the kitchens were in use, the fly population was practically nil.

It is interesting to note that cockroaches are now becoming more prevalent, but also keeping pace with this pest are the new types of gaseous or liquid insecticides, which are proving effective.

Meat and other Foods.

The number of pigs slaughtered in the district under the Self Suppliers of Pigs Scheme operated by the Ministry of Food was again less than in previous years, the actual number being seven. They were all found to be in all respects fit for human consumption.

The food and provision shops in the district have been inspected regularly, and during these visits the following items were all condemned as being unfit for human consumption :—

					<i>Weight</i>
Beef	...	...	...	...	407 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Pork	...	...	...	...	242 "
Offal	...	...	...	...	10 "
Bacon	...	...	...	...	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Ham	...	...	...	...	69 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Veal	...	...	...	...	12 "
Halibut	...	...	...	...	35 "
Cheese	...	...	...	...	12 "

Tinned goods :

Ham	...	...	...	...	110 lbs.
Veal	...	...	...	...	56 "
Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	...	312 "
Pork	...	...	...	...	4 "
Rabbit	...	...	...	...	4 tins
Salmon	...	...	...	...	19 "
Sardines	...	...	...	...	82 "
Shrimps	...	...	...	...	2 "
Lobster	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Pilchards	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Assorted Vegetables	...	...	...	...	182 tins
Assorted Fruits	...	...	...	...	298 "
Tinned Milk	...	...	...	...	13 "
Soups	...	...	...	...	11 "
Marmalade	...	...	...	...	3 "
Synthetic cream	...	...	...	...	3 "
Cheese	...	...	...	...	5 boxes

Milk Sampling.

Attached hereto is a table setting out the numbers and types of milk which were submitted for the examinations as shown in the table. It will be noted from this that thirty-seven of these samples were submitted for biological examination for the presence or absence of tubercle bacilli, as against thirty-eight in 1951. Two of the thirty-seven were reported upon as having tubercle bacilli present, compared with three in 1951.

Type of Milk	Total Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue (Keeping Quality)			Phosphatase (Sufficiently Heat-Treated)			Tubercle Bacilli			Turbidity Test	
		Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Absent	Present	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Pasteurised ...	49	49	49	0	49	49	0	2	2	0	—	—
T.T. Pasteurised ...	16	16	16	0	16	16	0	5	5	0	—	—
Tuberculin-Tested ...	11	11	10	1	—	—	—	10	10	0	—	—
Ungraded ...	21	21	18	3	21	18	3	19	17	2	—	—
Sterilized ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0
Accredited ...	1	1	1	0	—	—	—	1	1	0	—	—
TOTAL—All Milks ...	100	98	94	4	86	83	3	37	35	2	2	0

WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Public Health Department,
Green Hall,
Wilmslow.
June, 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wilmslow Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans and Gentlemen,

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1952.

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the work of the Sanitary Inspector's Department for the year 1952. Details and statistical information of the various branches of the work of the Department are given in the body of the Report and any comments which are considered necessary have been made under the various headings.

There has been no change in the staff during the year, and once again I should like to thank my own staff and the officers of other departments for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. H. LANCASTER,
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

<i>Nature of Inspections.</i>	<i>No. of Visits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Housing.					
Houses inspected under P.H.A.	358	65	60	7	6
Re-inspections under P.H.A.	320	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	19	1	—	—	—
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	20	—	—	—	—
General					
Refuse Collection and Disposal	143	30	30	1	1
Infectious Disease	43	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	43	1	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	41	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries	18	1	1	—	—
Smoke Observations	6	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences	3	—	—	—	—
Factories and Work-places	24	3	3	—	—
Shops Act	8	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts	75	21	12	—	—
Special Visits	143	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	54	28	22	—	—
Places of Public Entertainment, Public Houses, etc....	9	1	1	—	—
Meat and Food Inspection.					
Slaughterhouses	58	—	—	—	—
Butcher's Shops and Stalls	40	1	1	—	—
Wet Fish Shops	12	9	1	—	—
Fried Fish Shops	12	—	—	—	—
Other Food Shops	89	5	4	—	—
Bakehouses	28	1	1	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens	45	2	2	—	—
Ice Cream Premises	107	—	—	—	—
Dairies, Milk Shops and Milk Supplies	46	—	—	1	1
	1,769	169	138	9	8

Arising out of the above Notices, legal action to obtain the abatement of a nuisance had to be taken in one case after the person concerned had failed to comply with a Statutory Notice.

COMPLAINTS.

The Complaints registered during the year numbered 257 and are classified as follows :—

Defective Housing Conditions	...	...	...	28
Dangerous Buildings	...	...	...	1
Dampness	...	...	...	10
Choked and Defective Drains, Cesspools and Septic Tanks	...	...	...	27
Insanitary Conditions of Ditches and Ponds	...	...	...	2
Flooding	...	...	...	17
Accumulations and Removal of Refuse	...	...	...	16
Offensive Odours	...	...	...	10
Smoke and Dust Nuisances	...	...	...	2
Unsound Food	...	...	...	65
Milk—Dirty and Defective Churns and Bottles	...	...	...	1
Water Supply	...	...	...	2
Rats and Mice Infestation	...	...	...	37
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	2
Infestations by Flies, Mosquitoes, Ants, Wasps, etc.	...	...	...	17
Infestations by Rabbits & Moles	...	...	...	7
Keeping of Animals and Hens	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	7
				257

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

Once again very little disinfection has been necessary following the outbreak of infectious disease, and the necessity to take action for verminous conditions was also very slight. The premises dealt with were as follows :—

	<i>No. of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Rooms Sprayed or Fumigated</i>	<i>Household Effects Treated Separately</i>
Bed Bugs	—	—	—
Other Vermin	3	6	—
Infectious Diseases	7	7	—
Other Causes	11	22	—
	—	—	—
	21	35	—
	—	—	—

No infestation of bed bugs was brought to my notice during 1952.

The pond at the rear of the Council's houses in Welton Drive was sprayed with D.D.T. in a paraffin base as a remedial measure against mosquitoes.

As a preventive measure against fly infestation all the kitchens at schools where school meals are prepared or served were sprayed with Gammexane emulsion. This was carried out during the summer vacation.

Several complaints were received of the breeding of mosquitoes in a wooded and swampy area adjoining Woodlands Road, Handforth. Action is being taken by the Council to deal with this nuisance.

HOUSING.

No action was taken under the Housing Act, 1936, to deal with a small number of houses which are unfit for human habitation and cannot be repaired at a reasonable cost, because of the difficulty of providing alternative accommodation. The Council has now given consideration to this matter and a small number of houses are to be allocated during 1953 to persons living in unfit dwellings.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

The only licensed camping site in the district has been kept in a satisfactory manner and the number of caravans using the site has never been found to exceed the permitted number of 35.

In addition to the above site six licences to place caravans on individual sites in various parts of the district were granted during the year. Four of the caravans are used for residential purposes and two for recreational purposes. No complaints have been received concerning these vans during the year.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat Inspection

All animals slaughtered for human consumption in the area are inspected by the Sanitary Inspectors, but the numbers are not large as there is no Government controlled slaughter house in Wilmslow, and inspections are mainly confined to pigs slaughtered under the Self-Suppliers Scheme. During 1952 sixty-four pigs and one calf were inspected, of which five pigs were found to be infected with tuberculosis. From these inspections and as the result of routine visits to butchers' shops, the following amounts of meat were condemned :—

Home Killed.

	lbs.
Pig's Heart	$\frac{1}{2}$
Pig's Lungs	1
Pig's Liver	4
Pig's Heads (3)	60
Pig's Spleens (2)	4
Pig's Mesenteries (2)	3
Pork	68
Beef	477
Minced Meat	25
Bovine Liver	28
Lamb	9
Lamb's Liver	$3\frac{1}{2}$

6 cwts. 11 lbs.

Imported.

	lbs.
Beef	103
Boneless Pork	8
Beasts Cheeks	85

1 cwt. 84 lbs.

Other Foods.

Shopkeepers are encouraged to report to my Department any food which does not appear to be in a satisfactory condition, and their co-operation has been most helpful in preventing food stuffs which might give rise to complaints, reaching the consumer.

The following amounts of food stuffs have been condemned and destroyed as the result of complaints and routine inspections of food shops, necessitating the issue of 227 condemnation certificates.

Tinned and Preserved Food Condemned.

	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Fruit and Fruit Juice	2	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Vegetables	—	47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Soup	—	75 $\frac{1}{4}$
Milk	—	23
Ham	1	61
Luncheon Meat and Tongue	—	77
Fish	—	57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicken... ..	—	16
Pork and Pork Butts	—	16 $\frac{1}{4}$
Stewed steak, brawn, kidneys, veal and ham loaf... ..	—	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Steak and veal	—	3
Irish Stew	—	2
Sausages	—	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Shrimps and Crabmeat	—	$\frac{3}{4}$
Jam, Marmalade and Honey	—	11
Mincemeat	—	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pickles	—	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Macaroni and Spaghetti	—	1
Fat Extender	9	—
Cooking Fat	—	11
Dried Parsley	—	1
Cocoanut	—	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mustard	—	$\frac{1}{4}$
Cheese	—	$\frac{1}{4}$
Artificial Cream Mixture	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Biscuits	—	2
Fruit Pudding	—	1
Chocolates	—	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
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	16	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Other Food Condemned.

								<i>lbs.</i>
Sugar	6
Bacon	4
Tea	1
Sausages	1
Bananas	55
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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Byelaws—Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food.

A detailed account was given in last years report on the application of the Bye-laws relating to the handling, wrapping and delivery of food. These visits have been followed up during 1952, and many improvements, particularly "behind the scenes," have been made.

In one instance, however, it was necessary to take legal action for an infringement of the Bye-laws and also for the more serious offence of having unsound food deposited for the purpose of sale for human consumption. A local trader was prosecuted under Section 9 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for having a quantity of sultanas intended for sale but unfit for human consumption, and also for failing to take reasonable steps under the Food Bye-laws to protect the food which had been badly contaminated by rodents. Both prosecutions were successful, and a total fine of £5 was imposed, together with 10s. 6d. costs.

The number of premises which have to receive periodical visits under the Bye-laws is as follows :—

Grocers and Provision Merchants	...	...	57
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	17
Bakehouses	...	...	17
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	11
Butchers	...	...	18
Fishmongers	...	...	9
Fish Fryers	...	...	4
Sweet Shops	...	...	15
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	47
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	...	...	22
Licensed Premises	...	...	19
Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	...	8
Non-Residential Clubs	...	...	4
Small Moveable Eating Places	...	...	2
Industrial and Staff Canteens	...	...	3
Canteens Preparing School Meals	...	...	8
Schools Serving School Meals	...	...	8
Cooked Meats	...	...	2

MILK SUPPLY.

Raw Milk.

The number of persons on the register as distributors and producer-retailers of raw milk is thirty, and of this number, eight come from outside the area. There are now only three premises used solely as dairies. Regular samples of all forms of raw milk are taken from the dairies, shops and vehicles and the results of these examinations are summarised in the following table :—

Bacteriological Examination of Raw Milk.

<i>Designation</i>		<i>From Retailers</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Experi- ments Spoilt</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculin tested	...	16	14	2	—	16
Accredited	...	15	13	2	—	15
Ungraded	...	21	16	5	—	21
		52	43	9	—	52

There was a slight increase in the number of unsatisfactory results obtained, and these were in all cases immediately referred to the County Milk Advisory Officer of the Cheshire Agricultural Executive Committee for investigation.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

The following licences were granted by the Council during the year, under the above Regulations :—

	<i>Dealer's Licences</i>	<i>Supplementary Licences</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculin-Tested	10	5	15

Heat Treated Milk.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

The following licences were granted under the above Regulations during 1952 :—

	<i>Dealer's Licences</i>	<i>Supplementary Licences</i>	<i>Total</i>
Pasteurised	9	3	12
Sterilised	11	4	15

Samples of all heat treated milk retailed in the area are also submitted at regular intervals. The results—tabulated below—indicate that the supplies to this area of pasteurised and sterilised milk are satisfactory.

		<i>From Local Pasteurising Plant</i>		
	<i>No. Taken</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Exp. Spoilt</i>
Pasteurised Milk.				
Methylene Blue	14	14	—	—
Phosphatase Test	14	14	—	—

	No. Taken	From Outside Sources Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Exp. Spoilt
Pasteurised Milk				
Methylene Blue	27	26	—	1
Phosphatase Test	27	26	—	1
Sterilised Milk				
Turbidity Test	9	9	—	—

EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Great importance is attached to the testing of milk for the presence of tuberculosis, and as many samples as possible are submitted to the guinea pig inoculation test. Three positive samples were found, two coming from local farms, and the other from a farm just outside the area. In two cases notices were served requiring the milks from these farms to be heat treated until the herds were declared free from tuberculous infection. In the third case the infected animal was traced and slaughtered immediately the result of the sample was known.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES EXAMINED FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Designation.	No. of Samples Taken	Positive	Negative
Tuberculin Tested	7	—	7
Accredited	15	1	14
Ungraded	21	2	19
	<hr/> 43	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 40

ICE CREAM.

The number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, is as follows :—

Number of premises where ice cream is manufactured and sold	2
Number of premises where ice cream is retailed only ...	45

Ice cream is now only made at two premises in the district, a reduction of four since last year, but the number of premises where ice cream is retailed has increased from 36 to 45. Seventy-three samples were submitted for examination of which 81% were placed in Grade I. The hygienic quality of any ice cream should be judged on a series of samples and not on one isolated sample. As no particular samples were repeatedly placed in Grades III or IV, the results shown in the following table are considered satisfactory :—

	Total	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	IV
Manufactured locally	3	3	—	—	—
Made elsewhere ...	70	56	6	6	2
	<hr/> 73	<hr/> 59	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 2

WATER SUPPLY.

There has been no reduction during the year in the number of premises without a main water supply. Although the Council can insist on a piped water supply in any house where there is a main available, it cannot require a person to spend more than £20 in respect of any one house, so that, as the law stands at the moment, a house must be very close to a public main before the Council can require a supply to be taken from it. This limit of £20 makes it very difficult to reduce the number of properties still without a satisfactory water supply, and unless an owner is willing to spend more than the amount specified, it can only be done by the Council bearing the cost of the work in excess of £20. The premises without a main supply of water are situated in the following Wards of the district :

<i>Ward</i>	<i>No. of premises Without Main supply</i>			
Dean Row	2
Handforth	5
Hough	7
Morley	12
Styal	2

Three samples of well water were submitted for examination (two bacteriological and one chemical) and in each case the result was satisfactory.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

The Council continue to employ one full time rat catcher and a summary of his work is given in the following table :-

No. of Premises Surveyed	...	...	...	238
No. of Premises Treated	...	...	...	184
Methods employed—Poisoning :				
	No. of pre-baits laid	...	...	5,445
	No. of poison baits laid	...	...	2,024
	No. of post baits laid	...	...	51
Results obtained :	No. of bodies found	...	...	200

Considerable use is made by the public of this service and thirty-four annual contracts, by which the Council undertake to keep premises as free of these pests as it is reasonably practicable to do so for the period of twelve months, were entered into. In addition, many single treatments were given and all Council owned properties were kept under supervision and treated when necessary. The sewers were again test baited and found to show no evidence of rat infestation which exempted the Council from carrying out full treatment of the whole sewerage system.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Collection.

A satisfactory collection service was given throughout the year and there is no other comment I wish to make on this side of the cleansing service.

Disposal.

Land owned by the Council in Newgate Road still remains the only disposal point for all the house refuse of the district. It was noticed that the number of loads of builders' refuse and other forms of trade refuse was greatly on the increase and many of these loads came from firms and premises outside the area. From enquiries of neighbouring authorities it was found that Wilmslow's tip was the only free one in the vicinity and this was one of the reasons for the steady increase in the number of loads of refuse being received. Consideration was given to this problem by the Council and it was decided to make a small charge for the use of the refuse tip for the disposal of all trade refuse with the exception of soil and gravel. This scheme was put into operation on the 1st August, 1952, and by the end of December, 1952, the income from this source amounted to £8 11s. 0d.

Salvage.

In common with the rest of the country Wilmslow experienced a slump in the sale of salvage materials. For the greater part of the year paper could not be sold, and when an occasional market was found the price was very low. The weight and value of the materials sold are tabulated below and considering the conditions throughout the country during 1952 these results are better than were expected :—

	<i>Weight</i>			<i>Value</i>		
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Waste paper, books, etc. ...	113	18	84	676	4	2
Ferrous metals ...	21	13	32	61	9	10
Baled tins ...	31	10	28	140	1	11
Non-ferrous metals ...	1	8	2	115	12	2
Textiles ...	16	12	32	374	3	5
Glassware ...	4	9	92	30	13	0
Rubber Tyres ...		4	0	1	6	6
	189	16	46	£1,399	11	0

In spite of the greatly reduced value of salvage the income exceeded the expenditure by £412.

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